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Marshall Lee Miller, Esq.



Dear Marshall:

I asked the Agency's Information and Privacy Coordinator, the official charged with responsibility for handling requests for historical researcher access to classified information, to reconsider your application and to advise me whether, consistent with Agency policy, we could be more forthcoming. He has since informed me that, because of the administrative burden and security considerations, such applications are seldom approved. Indeed, none has been approved since 1974. He also pointed out that you have submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Agency for this information, which is now under appeal. Once the appeal has been processed, you will be provided whatever releasable information the Agency may have relating to your research topic.

I regret that we cannot be of greater assistance, but I am certain that you will agree on the importance of treating all such requests impartially and in accordance with Agency regulations. I do wish you every success with your book.

Sincerely,

/s/ B. R. Inman

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